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ABSTRACT (57)

A gaming device includes a proximity-sensitive input device that receives input from a gaming patron based upon placement of an object near the input device but without necessarily touching the input device. In an embodiment, the input device is behind a plate of glass. In another embodiment, the proximity-sensitive input device includes a projected-capacitance sensor grid.

